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FINAL EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2019

B.A., B.Ed. (FT/PT)

TITLE OF PAPER: SOCIO-ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY

COURSE CODE: GEP222

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS ONLY.**
- 2. QUESTIONS 1 AND 4 ARE COMPULSORY.**
- 3. CHOOSE AND ANSWER ONE (1) ADDITIONAL QUESTION IN EACH SECTION.**
- 4. WHERE APPROPRIATE, ILLUSTRATE YOUR ANSWER WITH DIAGRAMS AND EXAMPLES.**
- 5. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IN ANY ORDER BUT LABEL THEM CLEARLY.**

MARKS ALLOCATION: EACH QUESTION CARRIES 25 MARKS.

THIS QUESTION PAPER SHOULD NOT BE OPENED UNTIL PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.

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SECTION A: ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1 – COMPULSORY

'The commoditization of traditional African cultures for tourism purposes is undermining the cultural identities of African societies'. Using examples, discuss the validity of this statement.

(25 Marks)

QUESTION 2

a) Using examples, explain what feminization of migration entails.

(10 marks)

a) Using diagrams, describe the three types of population pyramids below:

i) Expansive population pyramid

(5 marks)

ii) Constrictive population pyramid

(5 marks)

iii) Stationary population pyramid

(5 marks)

(25 Marks)

QUESTION 3

a) Using examples, explain what the Population, Health and Environment (PHE) approach entails.

(10 marks)

b) Explain how the concept of space is used from the following three theoretical perspectives that inform social geography:

i) Humanistic perspective

(5 marks)

ii) Radical perspective

(5 marks)

iii) Poststructuralist perspective

(5 marks)

(25 Marks)

SECTION B: ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION 4 – COMPULSORY

Illustrating with a diagram, explain Christaller's Central Place Theory.

(25 Marks)

QUESTION 5

a) Outline the central arguments of the structuralist approach in explaining the spatial location of economic activity.

(10 marks)

b) Identify and explain the three broad economic systems that different societies can adopt to solve their economic problems.

(15 marks)

(25 Marks)

QUESTION 6

Using examples, discuss how the process of globalization is shaping spatial organization of economic development across the world.

(25 Marks)